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SUBJECT: PARTY CONGRESS AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

1. DURING HIS WEEKLY HISTORICAL LECTURE TO NATION
DECEMBER 15, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA STATED THAT NEXT PARTY
CONGRESS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 1974. HE ALSO
ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR FOURTH TERM AS
PRESIDENT AND THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 2,
1974.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED
HIS INTENTION TO RUN FOR FOURTH TERM. IT ALSO HAD
ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT 9TH PARTY CONGRESS
WOULD BE
HELD IN OCTOBER, AND ELECTIONS ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY
REQUIRED TO BE HELD WITHIN 30 DAYS BEFORE END OF PRESI-
DENTIAL TERM (WHICH ENDS IN NOVEMBER). HOWEVER, THIS
FIRST TIME THAT EXACT DATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR
CONGRESS AND ELECTIONS. PURPOSE OF CONGRESS WILL BE TO
PREPARE PARTY FOR ELECTIONS AND DEVELOP LIST OF CAN-
DIDATES FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WHICH HELD
CONCURRENTLY WITH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2.
SITE OF CONGRESS HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED. WE HAVE
HEARD IT LIKELY TO BE CARTHAGE, BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT'S
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DESIRE TO RUN "CLOSED" CONGRESS IN ORDER TO AVOID REPEAT

OF MONASTIR CONGRESS OF 1971, WHICH TOOK SEVERAL DECISIONS
NOT PLEASING TO BOURGUIBA.
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